

REMARKS

Originally filed claims 1–21 are pending. Claims 1–21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,828,674 to Proskauer (“*Proskauer*”).

Applicant traverses the rejections.

Independent claim 1 recites in part a “method of creating one or more real-time interactive control and communication software objects for use in connection with a computer and a machine which communicate according to a standard communication protocol for process control.” Independent claim 12 recites in part a “computer program for creating one or more real time interactive control and communication software objects.” One example of such real-time interactive control and communication software objects is an ActiveX control (see Specification at p. 2, lns 24-26). One feature of an ActiveX control is that, once created (using, for example, the present invention), an ActiveX control can be stored in a library and can be readily embedded in to container applications to build larger applications (see Specification at p. 9, lns. 6-24).

Proskauer describes using ActiveX controls, but only after these controls are created. *Proskauer* does not teach or suggest any particular method for creating the controls. *Proskauer* just states that ActiveX controls “are written in Visual Basic” (Col. 3, ln 25). Instead, the controls used in *Proskauer* are provided in a library (*Proskauer* at col. 2, lines 55–56).

Proskauer describes creating a semiconductor testing system as follows:

[T]here needs to be a variety of windows available that the operator may bring up on his display depending on the test to be performed. To create these windows the programmer can “drag and drop” controls from a library of ActiveX controls onto the operator window.

Proskauer at col. 4, lines 29-33.

As *Proskauer* does not describe a method or computer program for creating one or more real-time interactive control and communication software objects, as recited in

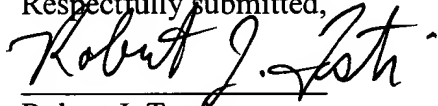
independent claims 1 and 12, Applicant respectfully submits that the originally filed claims are patentable and requests that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn. As claims 2–11 and 13–21 depend from these claims, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are patentable as well.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all originally filed (i.e., pending claims 1-21) claims be allowed in due course.

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